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Approved  
Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate  
November 10, 2008  
St. Mary's 113 B; 1:00 PM

Present: P. Benson, D. Biers, D. Darrow (presiding), G. Doyle, H. Gauder, J. Greenlee, N. Jolani, R. Kearns, L. Laubach, A. Reichle, J. Saliba, A. Seielstad

Absent: none

Guest: J. Farrelly (Faculty Board)

Opening Prayer: Dave Darrow opened the meeting with a prayer

Roll Call: Twelve of twelve members of the committee were present.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of November 3, 2008 were approved as amended.

Announcements:

1. The revised QRC document was assigned a number: 08-02.
2. Friday, Nov 14 is an open senate meeting for all faculty. The administration will address "the state of the university." The faculty salary review will be distributed at the meeting.
3. A Student Academic Grant was approved by SGA. The \$6000 can be used by students to attend conferences, \$1000/school, \$3000 for the college.
4. Tuesday, Nov 11 is the last day to register for the Faculty Association Exchange.

Committee Reports:

1. Academic Policies Committee – No report
2. Faculty Affairs Committee – Hope to finish up the revised Maternity Leave Policy in time to deliver it to ECAS and to the Senate for a vote on Dec 5.
3. Student Academic Policies Committee –
  - a. The Honor's Code will be distributed to upper-class students.
  - b. An electronic version of the assessment of instructions will be considered.
  - c. Deb Bickford is developing a list of possible consultants to suggest different possibilities for instruction assessment. SAPC will then decide on the particular consultant to hire. It was suggested that the SAPC and ECAS read Steve Wilhoit's report on faculty evaluation.
  - d. Students are asking for more representation on the Academic Senate, specifically for the Applied Professions in SOEAP and Communications in the College. It was suggested that if we consider more student reps, we should consider reps from UDRI, Dean of the Library, etc. Also, there is a need to "clean-up" the wording in the Constitution. Finally, it was suggested that SGA first revise their student academic representation, and then bring a proposal to ECAS.

New Business:

A proposal on "Undergraduate Early Childhood Leadership and Advocacy Program" from SOEAP was delivered to ECAS. The program would provide a vehicle for mature (24+ years of age) students to earn an online bachelor's degree after earning an associate degree.

The required hours beyond the associate degree would be 54, including 3 required cluster courses. There were several problems with the proposal.

1. It was not clear that the college could provide sufficient cluster courses online.
2. To develop online courses would require a significant financial commitment. None was mentioned.
3. There was no indication that the proposal had been approved by SOEAP.
4. There was a statement that students would be eligible for a 40 % tuition discount, without any indication of support by the administration.
5. The proposal does not follow the required format.
6. Because the college would be involved with this program, it would have to be approved by the Academic Senate.
7. The proposal was returned to Shauna Adams for further work.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Monday, November 17, 2008 at 1:00 pm in St. Mary's 113 B;

Respectfully Submitted By:

George R. Doyle, Jr.

Secretary of the Senate